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MORE THAN 30 CLUB MEMBERS TO VISIT FORT DIX NEXT WEEK

Correspondents Will See Troops Training
Under Live-Ammunition Fire, Artillery
On Newly-Built Combat Course

President LOUIS P. LOCHNER will lead a delegation of 33 Overseas Press Club Members and their guests on the press tour of inspection to Fort Dix, N. J., next Thursday, August 24. The group was invited as official guests of Major General John M. Devine, commanding general of the 9th Infantry Division, who has proclaimed "Overseas Press Club Day" in honor of the visiting correspondents.

MP-escorted busses will leave Times Square (opposite Longchamps Restaurant at 1450 Broadway) at 8 AM for the trip to the 55-square mile Army post in New Jersey. There Members and guests will be greeted by General Devine, under whose personal supervision a tour of the training areas has been arranged.

Among features the Club will see are training companies of the first draftees inducted in the present national emergency. They will also witness a life-like demonstration on a recently constructed course of battle indoctrination, in which soldiers crawl across rough terrain while live rifle and machine gun fire sweeps across their heads. Also, Members will see a barrage of overhead artillery.

Capt. James R. Lewis, Division public information officer, this week informed Club headquarters the OPC group will be the first newsmen to observe new combat training methods just adopted at Fort Dix. He stressed that Division officers, in planning the tour itinerary, have taken into consideration the fact many OPC Members are familiar with military affairs. Therefore, little time will be devoted to elementary topics.

Among OPC Members who will participate in the excursion are: "O'CARROLL COLVIN, KATHRYN CRAVENS, HAL LEHRMAN, ELSIE McCORMICK, GEORGE HERALD, CURTIS J. HOXTER, JOSEPH PETERS, EARNEY PRINCE, ELLISEVA SAYERS, FRANK TAO, GRACE DONALDSON, MELVIN K. WHITELEATHER, SVEN ERIK BERGH, HILDA LLODIO, SANFORD GRIFFITH, SIDNEY HERTZBERG and CHARLES HODGES.

BIG PICNIC TODAY WILL END OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB SUMMER SEASON

More than 50 light-hearted, pleasure-seeking Overseas Press Clubbers and friends will close their eyes to war and worry today as they head for the Huntington Crescent Club, Huntington, L.I., for the Club's Annual Picnic and Frolic. The event will officially close the OPC's program for the summer months.

From the moment the picknickers arrive at the Long Island club, they will revel in the choicest varieties of entertainment this select organization has to offer. These include fresh-water swimming, sea bathing, softball games, eating and drinking. Busses leave from Times Square (opposite Longchamps Restaurant at 1450 Broadway) at 9:30 AM

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THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK. PUBLICATION WILL BE RESUMED WITH THE LABOR DAY ISSUE.

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Placement Committee Meeting Clubrooms Wednesday, August 23, 5 PM

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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

ACTIVE: Harlow M. Church, NEA Service, Inc. Japan, winter 1945-1946; Manchuria, North China, Formosa, Shanghai, until fall, 1946; London, since 1946, with excursions to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy, Holland and Belgium, all for NEA. Proposed by BERT BRANDT; seconded by LEO BRANHAM.

Allyn Z. Baum, Acme Newspictures. Germany, September, 1948 to May, 1949, for International News Photos; Paris, May, 1949 to July, 1950, for INP; Germany, August, 1950 to present, for Acme Newspictures. Proposed by BERT BRANDT; seconded by LEO BRANHAM.

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COMMITTEE ON PERMANENT CLUB HOME REPORTS SHOE DAMAGE

A sub-committee of three from the Committee on a Permanent Club Home -- consisting of President LOUIS P. LOCHNER, JEWEL DE BONILLA and DAVID RESNICK -- report having worn out three pairs of shoes last week trudging up and down five multi-storyed buildings in the metropolitan area. All are available for lease or purchase for a permanent Overseas Press Club headquarters. At least two buildings are being seriously considered. Findings of the committee will be discussed at an early fall meeting of the group.

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BURNET HERSHEY RESTORED TO PRESS CLUB ROSTER

At its last meeting the Board of Governors voted unanimously to correct an injustice which for several years had been permitted to exist. The case was that of BURNET HERSHEY, a Founder Member and Past President of the Overseas Press Club, whose name had been removed from the list of former Presidents on Club stationery and in The Bulletin.

President LOCHNER called on HERSHEY and expressed the Board's regret at the oversight. The Past President -- third in the series of top officers -- discussed Club affairs with LOCHNER, voicing great interest in its current activities because of his long association with it. He will make this experience available at future Board meetings.

HERSHEY is now President of the American War Correspondents Association, an organization which counts a number of OPCers among its members.

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OPC MEMBER CALLS KOREAN PRESS CORPS "MOST FLEA-BITTEN IN HISTORY"

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"Newspapermen now covering the war in Korea are doubtless the hardest working, dirtiest and most flea-bitten gang of press correspondents assembled anywhere in recorded history," according to WALTER SIMMONS, Chicago Tribune war correspondent, whose account of life among newsmen in Korea was quoted in Editor and Publisher for August 12.

"Their wives and children would flee screaming in horror," SIMMONS continued, "if they could see any of these apparitions shambling along, unshaven, scratching himself, plastered with dust and wondering vaguely where he could scrounge a can of C-rations."

Veteran correspondents, SIMMONS wrote, now agree that the Korean war is the most dangerous they have ever covered. "The toll of dead, wounded and captured newsmen in only a month is significant", he said.

(The death of two British correspondents on August 11, when the jeep in which they were riding hit a land mine, brought to eight the number of newsmen killed in the Korean war. Two correspondents are still listed as missing, and two have been captured).

"The corporeal attrition that befalls the newsman in Korea", SIMMONS continued, "is due to a number of things: the heat and dirt, lack of transport, balkiness of communications and occasional unavailability of food.

"As for communications, they are now much better than they were for weeks after the fall of Seoul. Until the Army replaced ancient Korean telephone equipment with its own, correspondents screeched their stories over a 1,000-mile circuit from Taejon to Tokyo".

(Since July 29, according to Army Signal Corps records, average elapsed time between filing in Korea and delivery in Tokyo has been speeded up from three hours, 40 minutes to two hours, 10 minutes. Also, the Signal Corps is using two teletype machines which transmit press messages at a rate of 60 words a minute)

"Some correspondents have shown conspicuous gallantry under fire," SIMMONS went on. "Outstanding among them ... Homer Bigart of the New York Herald Tribune, who spent a whole day in an encircled position but said nothing about it on his return...KEYES BEECH of the Chicago Daily News has probably outstripped every other correspondent in daily exposing himself to fire to get the news."

Result of the mounting number of newsmen killed and wounded, SIMMONS writes, "is that many ordinarily intrepid newshounds are becoming more cautious than usual. Most home offices have repeatedly ordered their men in Korea to be careful. Practically, however, it is a matter of professional pride to get the news where it is happening. It is also a matter of getting scooped."

Meanwhile, speediest transmission yet from the front was reported last week by the Associated Press. It announced that a sevenword bulletin, written by Don Whithead at the front, had been relayed to the U.S. via Tokyo and thence to the AP's wires within eight minutes.

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COSTELLO CRITICIZED
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For broadcasting the news that the 2nd Infantry Division was landing at Pusan in Korea, CBS war correspondent BILL COSTELLO a week ago was denounced in Washington by New Hampshire Senator Styles Bridges. The senator, demanded that "something must be done at once", said that, as a result of COSTELLO's broadcast, troops were given no chance to get into position. The Kremlin was given every opportunity to bring additional forces...into the line to oppose the 2nd Division."

Actually, as later developed, COSTELLO's facts came from a UP dispatch which reached his listeners only because UP newspaper subscribers had no time to rush the story into print. Also it further developed that the UP had put out the story after the INS correspondent Howard Handleman wrote the first piece. COSTELLO, therefore, was rapidly cleared of any blame in releasing what Army PIO's termed premature information.

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OUR PROLIFIC COLLEAGUES: Istanbul's leading gazette, Cumhuriyet, recently featured a full-length translation of HAL LEHRMAN's article on Turkey in Fortune...Interviews with General Lucius Clay and other civil defense experts are included in a series of articles by GEORGE HERALD which United Features is distributing nationally. He's also got a piece on Red Navy secrets in the August United Nations World...HENRY J. TAYLOR has a piece in a forthcoming issue of Reader's Digest called "What Our Colleges Do Not Require", based on his weekly General Motors broadcast involving the failure of American universities to require American history instruction...

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FOR SALE: Complete Soundsciber equipment, including portable type microgroove 33-1/3 RPM plastic disc recorder (each side will hold about 1,500 words) and playback machine with soft speaker and headphones, complete with stop and skip back pedals for easy transcription. All equipment in perfect condition, serviced regularly. AC only. Telephone or write OPC Headquarters.

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JACK GLENN of March of Time has been on location in Waterville, Maine, for a month shooting a dramatization of Vannevar Bush's "Modern Arms and Free Men", an exciting documentary of feature-picture length...Editor & Publisher for August 12 carries a review of Reynolds Packard's new novel, "The Kansas City Milkman". The book is hailed as "Excellently written. Brilliantly at times, the author satirizes fast talkers and loose livers in post-war newsgathering." ...GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY recently addressed a group of professional writers at UN Security Council thusly: "A gangster in Moscow with a machine gun doesn't change his tactics when he sits in the President's chair at the United Nations Security Council"...

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Random House has just announced it will publish, in the fall of 1952, "The Roosevelt Reader: The Life and Times of FDR, as Told by his Friends and Foes", a 300,000 word volume which will present a rounded, fully-sculptured portrait of the President as he appeared to his contemporaries. Negotiations for the volume were completed last week between Random House's BENNETT CERF and co-editors JOHN BARKHAM, Coronet book editor, and Gordon Carroll, editor of Coronet...

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If the Overseas Press Club's foreign-based Members think working Stateside these days is all a bowl of milk and brandy, check the following item in the current Newsweek: "One evening last week, members of the Overseas Press Club in New York began drifting into their green-walled meeting room at Times Square. They were gathering for a round-table discussion of what had been posted as a 'pressing topic: What Will the War Do to Our Jobs?' By the time about 30 of the veteran foreign and war correspondents had settled on to red-leather couches or into folding chairs near the speakers' table, the question had been partially answered. War-related assignments were keeping three of the seven speakers too busy even to show up. Two broadcasters, W. W. CHAPLIN of NBC and PAULINE FREDERICK of ABC were covering the Commie 'peace rally' in Union Square...The third scheduled speaker, (Past President) FRANK KELLEY, national editor of the New York Herald Tribune, was snowed under by a rush of other Korean war developments."

SUBLET: One room, furnished, bath, refrigerator, Southern exposure; third-floor walkup at 154 East 56th Street; for nine months, from September until June. \$60 monthly. Telephone Plaza 5-8058.

RUTH KARPFF is now doing a series of political think-pieces on Asiatic hotspots for the Toronto Star Weekly. First was "Fortress Formosa", with recommendation the island be made a UN trusteeship. Second is "Is India Changing Sides?", with the third titled "What Went Wrong in South Korea?" The articles are based on personal and documentary source material from the UN, plus first-hand knowledge of Asia and various interviews with top political and military figures...Orchids for an OPCer appears in Sid White's "Main Street" column in Radio Daily. He writes: "PAUL MANNING, who has been filling in nightly at Ed. C. Hill's ABC mike, deserves a rave for his steady, lucid handling of news and the little yarns behind the news. MANNING, a fine writer for the syndicates, rates his own spot on the news dial. If your memory can swing back to World War II, this same Mr. M. did some exciting reporting for Mutual from the other side of the pond."...

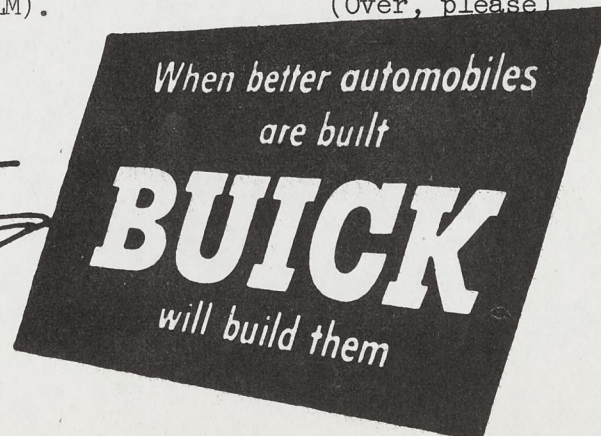
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From Copenhagen, Denmark, comes word from ADELE NATHAN that "everybody in the Foreign Ministry here knows about the OPC... Got here just in time to join in the Government crisis. Have been seeing plays in outlandish spots and doing pieces about them. Don't know if they have appeared in the Times yet..."

The Paris pipeline reports RUTH LLOYD (Mme. Pierre Artigue) back at work after eight months' retirement learning French in a Henry IV chateau 30 miles from Paris. She's now working on two books, "The Marquis is My Landlord" and "No Life for a Lady", as well as magazine and news articles. Husband Pierre, also a journalist and former French radio commentator, is now chief of a section in the Press Division of UNESCO...ROBERT PHELPS and wife, Betty, are now in Holland...

MEXICO CITY DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin)-- Time's bureau chief here, BOB BENJAMIN, just returned from a week's trip to the fever zone of Mexico near the Papaloapan River, looking as though the quinine hadn't worked. A medico, however, told him it must have been something he et. Mexico's TVA program is centered about the Papaloapan... RICHARD MASSOCK claims to have given up painting. The AP bureau chief was reported to be turning out creditable work when he gave up his new hobby in oils...The UP's Bob Prescott has gone to the States to pick up a repaired Aerocoupe plane. Wife and daughter remain in San Francisco. This is the second time his plane has been under the scalpel. First time he hit a fence while trying it out...(JOHN WILHELM). (Over, please)

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VIENNA DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- WILLIAM L. SHIRER and Frau in town to record commentary for a US-produced Hitler film titled "Heil!" being shot here. Incidentally, its premiere in New York should be a good OPC benefit prospect for next December... MBS news chief Abe Schecter and Mrs. took in the "Third Man" town on last leg of a news survey trip. Then on to Berchtesgaden for a visit with Col. Stanley Grogan who is commandant there... Henry Pleasants, New York Times special music correspondent is in Salzburg for the Festival premiere... The Vernon Pizer and Gordon Shepherd who write the recent SEP article on Tito are, respectively, U. S. Army Deputy PIO in Vienna and the London Daily Telegraph correspondent... Dick O'Reagan of AP Frankfurt now breaking in at Vienna to take over from G. K. Hedenfield on the latter's fall departure... Joseph Wechsberg of the New Yorker in Merano, Italy, for a session of article writing. Expected back in Vienna end of August... Arthur Krock coming through between Frankfurt and Trieste... MBS correspondent Bill Stearman has taken a civilian job advising the Army on propaganda... (JOSEF ISRAELIS II)

NEW DELHI DATELINE: The Chicago Tribune's PERCY WOOD left in late June for Bangkok, Siam, and thence to Formosa, presumably to await the Commie invasion. Subsequently he was sent on to Tokyo. On August 3, however, he writing from a South Korean port. Now he's with the Marines in Eastern Korea. Fast traveling... At the moment there are only five American correspondents in New Delhi, compared with some 20 in 1947. AP has MARC PURDUE and Steven David. New York Timesman is ROBERT TRUMBULL. For the New York Herald Tribune is MARGARET PARTON, who's just returned from a month's stay in Burma with her husband, Eric Britter of The Times of London. PURDUE, due to be transferred, has had his orders postponed for a few months. All are poised for trouble... (Mrs. PERCY WOOD)

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DID YOU KNOW --
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That ... More than one-third of the Overseas Press Club's Members are now on active duty as foreign correspondents overseas???

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That ... the oldest Member of the Overseas Press Club in point of service is ALBERT S. CROCKETT, who represented the New York Herald Tribune in England and France as early as 1901??????

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That ... Ten Members of the Overseas Press Club were among the 34 war correspondents killed in line of duty in World War II????

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BY THE TIME this Bulletin reaches OPCers, Ye Ed will be answering to the title of "Captain". But it's merely a dry run -- this time. He will be undergoing New York National Guard summer field training at Pine Camp, N.Y., as Public Information Officer for the Seventh Regiment (107th Infantry) for the unit's annual two-week maneuvers.....

RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., Editor
David McIntire, Associate Editor